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JP07-284086	Oct. 1995	The document describes a technique of obtaining and accumulating movement information of an image by a differential between frames to determine that a pixel without any movement in a past predetermined period belongs to the background area for obtaining the background image, as seen in the English abstract of the document.
JP2002-150294	May 2002	As is the case with JP07-284086, this document describes a technique of obtaining and accumulating movement information of an image by a differential between frames to determine that a pixel without any movement in a past predetermined period belongs to the background area for obtaining the background image, as seen in the English abstract of the document.
JP05-95509	Apr. 1993	The document describes a technique of detecting a depth of an image so that a foreground is separated from a background in accordance with the depth, as seen in the English abstract of the document.
JP2001-137241	May 2001	As is the case with JP05-95509, this document describes a technique of detecting a depth of an image so that a foreground is separated from a background in accordance with the depth, as seen in the English abstract of the document.
JP08-317278	Nov. 1996	The document describes a technique of measuring a distance between an imaging device and an object to set a time when electric charge accumulates on a CCD depending on the distance, as seen in the English abstract of the document.
JP2002-214693	Jul. 2002	The document describes a technique of changing an exposure time depending on a distance between an imaging means and an object, as seen in the attached partial English translation.

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